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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Correspondence to James Baker from
Margaret Czerwinski Concerning Her
Son's Problems With Regard to the
PATCO Strike

Mrs. Margaret Czerwinski has written Mr. Baker about her son Bernard. Bernard Czerwinski, formerly an air traffic controller, was apparently fired during the PATCO strike. Mrs. Czerwinski contends that Bernard was not striking at the time but was instead on sick leave.

I recommend referring the letter to the Federal Aviation Administration Chief Counsel and advising Mrs. Czerwinski that we have done so. The White House obviously should not become involved in this particular case. A memorandum to the FAA Chief Counsel, and a brief reply to Mrs. Czerwinski are attached for your review and signature.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1984

Dear Mrs. Czerwinski:

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 1984, to White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker, III. That letter concerned your son, Bernard D. Czerwinski, a former air traffic controller.

I have referred your correspondence to Edward Faberman, the Acting Chief Counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration. That agency was directly involved in the handling of individual cases arising out of the PATCO affair and is in the best position to respond to the substance of your letter.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mrs. Margaret Czerwinski
8 Michigan Circle
Oakdale, CT 06370

bcc: Kathy Camalier
FFF:JGR:aea 6/21/84
bcc: FFFfielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR EDWARD P. FABERMAN
ACTING CHIEF COUNSEL
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Correspondence to James Baker from
Margaret Czerwinski Concerning Her
Son's Problems With Regard to the
PATCO Strike

The attached letter to White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker, III, together with a copy of my interim reply, is submitted for your review and direct reply. Many thanks.

Attachments

FFF:JGR:aea 6/21/84

cc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/1Name of Correspondent: Martin Czerwinski

John Roberts

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Her son's problems with regard to
the PATCO strike

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June 7, 1984
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Dear Mr. Baden,

No ordinary people count anymore in this country.

My son had been an Air Traffic Controller for 12 years when the PATCO strike and subsequent firings occurred. He was on approved sick leave when the firings happened. His supervisor did not call him to return to his job and when he did return 2 days later to the Groton New London tower it was closed and locked.

We have been trying for nearly three years to get some one to listen and correct this wrong, and return him to his job.

We have written countless letters to Senators and Congressmen with no results. Apparently they do not think this matter is important enough. To us it is very important. As of now we are very disillusioned with the justice system and I ask that you please help us resolve this matter and restore our faith in our system of justice.

HIS NAME:

BERNARD D. CZERWINSKI
2 TWIN LAKES DRIVE
WATERFORD, CONN.
06385

Thank you
Mrs. Margaret Czerwinski

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *Lee*
SUBJECT: NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST TO
INTERVENE IN SUPREME COURT CASE

The National Governors' Association has asked my office to set up a meeting with Rex Lee or his assistant Paul Bator and Glen Archer, head of Department of Justice's Tax Division, to discuss intervention in South Carolina v. Regan on behalf of the Government. This case involves tax- exempt bonds.

This case started in the Supreme Court around February, 1983. The Supreme Court held a hearing this past Spring and decided that they had jurisdiction to hear this case. Because the case started in the Supreme Court, it appointed a Special Master to conduct the trial and pull together information. The Special Master will proceed with fact-finding over the summer and will hold a hearing in October.

NGA would like to meet with the Department of Justice to ask for the following:

1. They want the Special Master to make the decision on intervention.
2. NGA would like the Court to respond in five or six days rather than ten days because the Court is recessing soon.
3. NGA wants Justice's support in their involvement.

NGA would like to file a motion this Friday and would like to meet with Justice as soon as possible.

I would welcome any guidance you would recommend in how to handle this request.

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 1Name of Correspondent: See L. Verstandig☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: National Governors' Association Request
to Intervene in Supreme Court Case

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/84Name of Correspondent: Duncan Clark☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Request by Billboard Magazine for a Presidential letter to Michael Jackson in recognition for his work against drunk driving to be published next month.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/21/84

To: Fred Fielding/WH Counsel

I would very much appreciate your review of this proposed letter to Michael Jackson, which would appear in the July issue of Billboard magazine. The original request came to Jim Coyne's office from Michael Jackson's PR firm.

Because there is a publishing deadline involved, I would like to have your recommendation as soon as it is feasible. Please feel free to call me and discuss any aspect of the letter.

Thanks,

Duncan Clark

DUNCAN CLARK
Presidential Correspondence
Office
Room 96, x7610

THE WHITE HOUSE

cc: James Coyne

~~June 21, 1984~~

~~RJACKSON~~

Dear Michael:

Your visit to the White House was a real "thriller" for all of us here in the Nation's Capital. In fact, the White House staff are still humming "Beat It" and "Billy Jean" and wondering how they'll get tickets to one of your concerts this summer.

Your award last month was a tribute to your accomplishments in the entertainment business, but it was especially intended to recognize your generous support for our national initiative against drunk driving. This support for a cause that deeply affects so many young people is in line with your demonstrated concern for the public interest. I want to commend you on the very effective help you are giving us in persuading young people that drinking and driving do not mix.

Nancy and I send you our very best wishes for every future success and happiness.

S/RR

Michael Jackson
~~reads address~~
Encino, ~~Los Angeles~~
CALIFORNIA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: JAMES K. COYNE *J. Coyne*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter

The July issue of Billboard magazine will be devoted totally to Michael Jackson. A portion of the issue will focus on Jackson's volunteer activities and the national recognition of his achievements.

Michael Jackson would like to highlight his visit to the White House by featuring a letter from the President and photos taken at the anti-drunk driving ceremony.

We sent several excellent photos, and recommend a Presidential letter. I have attached a draft for your consideration.

Thanks once again for all your help.

P.S. Last night on NBC Nightly News, it was reported that the Russian Government attacked Mr. Jackson. See attachments.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1984

Dear Michael:

Your visit to the White House was a real "thriller" for all of us here in the Nation's Capital. In fact, the White House staff are still humming "Beat It" and "Billy Jean" and wondering how they'll get tickets to one of your concerts this summer.

Your award last month was a tribute to your lifetime of accomplishments in the entertainment business and your generous support for our national initiative against drunk driving, but also an opportunity for all of us to spotlight a career that has shown a commitment to values all Americans share: respect for family, individual volunteerism, a strong personal belief in God, and a quest for excellence in one's profession.

As I said at the time: what you have achieved is a tribute to twenty years of hard work, energy, tireless dedication and a wealth of talent that keeps on growing. May God grant you the power to keep going for years to come.


Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Request by Billboard Magazine for a
Presidential Letter to Michael Jackson
in Recognition for his Work Against
Drunk Driving to be Published Next Month

Presidential Correspondence has asked us to review a proposed letter from the President to Michael Jackson. The July issue of "Billboard" magazine is to be devoted totally to Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Jackson's public relations firm has asked Jim Coyne to obtain a letter from the President highlighting the recent White House event. The letter would appear, along with photographs of the event, in the "Billboard" issue. Coyne dutifully has recommended that such a letter be sent and has submitted a draft to Presidential Correspondence.

I recognize that I am something of a vox clamans in terris in this area, but enough is enough. The Office of Presidential Correspondence is not yet an adjunct of Michael Jackson's PR firm. "Billboard" can quite adequately cover the event by reproducing the award citation and/or reporting the President's remarks. (As you know, there is very little to report about Mr. Jackson's remarks.) There is absolutely no need for an additional Presidential message. A memorandum for Presidential Correspondence objecting to the letter is attached for your review and signature.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DUNCAN CLARK
OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request by Billboard Magazine for a
Presidential Letter to Michael Jackson
in Recognition for his Work Against
Drunk Driving to be Published Next Month

I see no need to have the President send a letter to Mr. Jackson, simply because Mr. Jackson's public relations firm has requested one. "Billboard" magazine can quite adequately cover the White House event by reproducing the award citation and/or reporting the President's remarks. I recommend that these options be suggested to Mr. Jackson's representatives in lieu of an additional Presidential message.

cc: James K. Coyne
Special Assistant to the President
for Private Sector Initiatives

FFF:JGR:aea 6/22/84

bcc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: National Governors' Association Request
to Intervene in Supreme Court Case

The National Governors' Association (NGA) has asked Lee Verstandig's office to arrange a meeting between its representatives and the Solicitor General concerning South Carolina v. Regan, an original jurisdiction case pending before the Supreme Court. NGA wants to intervene in the case and would like to have the acquiescence of the United States in doing so.

The case concerns an obscure provision of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), Pub. L. No. 97-248, requiring registration-required obligations of a state to be issued in registered rather than bearer form in order for the interest on such obligations to be exempt from Federal income taxes. South Carolina filed an original action alleging that this provision violated the Tenth Amendment and the doctrine of intergovernmental tax immunity. On February 22, 1984, the Court rejected the position of the United States that the suit was barred by the Anti-Injunction Act, 26 U.S.C. § 7421(a), and accepted jurisdiction. No. 94 Orig., 52 U.S.L.W. 4232. The case is pending before a Special Master, as is customary in original jurisdiction cases..

According to Tex Lezar, Verstandig's request has been overtaken by events. Lezar reports that the Solicitor General has already set up a meeting with the NGA, consistent with his policy of meeting with any responsible group concerning pending cases. Jocelyn White of Verstandig's office called on this matter this morning, and I advised her that it was my understanding that the desired meeting had been arranged directly by NGA with the Solicitor General. I further advised her that her office should have no further involvement, and that it was generally best to have groups with requests such as that of NGA contact the Justice Department directly, without White House intervention. A memorandum for your signature to Verstandig, memorializing the above, is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR LEE L. VERSTANDIG
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by *FF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: National Governors' Association Request
to Intervene in Supreme Court Case

You have asked for guidance on a request from the National Governors' Association (NGA) for a meeting with the Solicitor General to discuss NGA's intervention in South Carolina v. Regan, a case pending on the original docket of the Supreme Court of the United States. I am advised that such a meeting has already been arranged, apparently as a result of direct contacts between the Department and NGA. As a general matter it is best for groups such as NGA that are interested in discussing a particular pending Supreme Court case to approach the Department of Justice directly, without going through the White House. That is what we would have recommended to NGA if they had not already done so.

FFF:JGR:aea 6/22/84

cc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
SUBJECT: Ad in the Washington Post Book World
Regarding "A Season of Spoils"

Associated Press reported that the President met with Jay D. Hair, Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation, on May 25, 1984. Hair presented the President with a copy of A Season of Spoils: The Story of the Reagan Administration's Attack on the Environment, and, according to Hair, the President said: "I'll have to read this book." Pantheon Paperbacks, publishers of the book in question, highlighted the quotation in its recent advertisement in the Post's "Book World" section.

The use of the quotation violates our policy of not approving any use of the President's name in a manner that could be construed as an endorsement of a commercial product or enterprise. We should so advise Pantheon, with a copy to the Post, which ran the advertisement. I do not think we could do anything if Pantheon ignores our letter, as they may do. As the ad in question suggests, Pantheon is not in tune with the policies of the Administration. Nonetheless, it does not hurt to ask. A draft for your signature is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1984

Dear Mr. Schiffrin:

We have been made aware of your advertisement that appeared in the June 24, 1984 edition of the Washington Post's "Book World" section. That advertisement prominently features a quotation attributed to the President by Mr. Jay D. Hair, as reported by Associated Press, concerning your book A Season of Spoils.

It is established White House policy not to approve any use of the President's name in a manner that suggests or could be construed as an endorsement of a commercial product or enterprise. Your use of the quotation attributed to the President to promote A Season of Spoils contravenes this policy, and we respectfully request that you discontinue such use of the quotation and the President's name. I hope you will recognize that our policy is designed to prevent commercial exploitation of the Office of the Presidency, and understand that the policy is applied even-handedly without regard to the particular product or enterprise in question.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by RAH

Richard A. Hauser
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. Andre Schiffrin
Managing Editor
Pantheon Books
201 East 50th Street
New York, NY 10022

RAH:JGR:aea 6/27/84
bcc: FFFielding/RAHauser/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

cc: Brigitte Weeks
Editor, Book World Section
The Washington Post

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Name of Correspondent: Richard A. Hauser

☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: Ad in the Washington Post BOOK WORLD
re: A Season of Spoils

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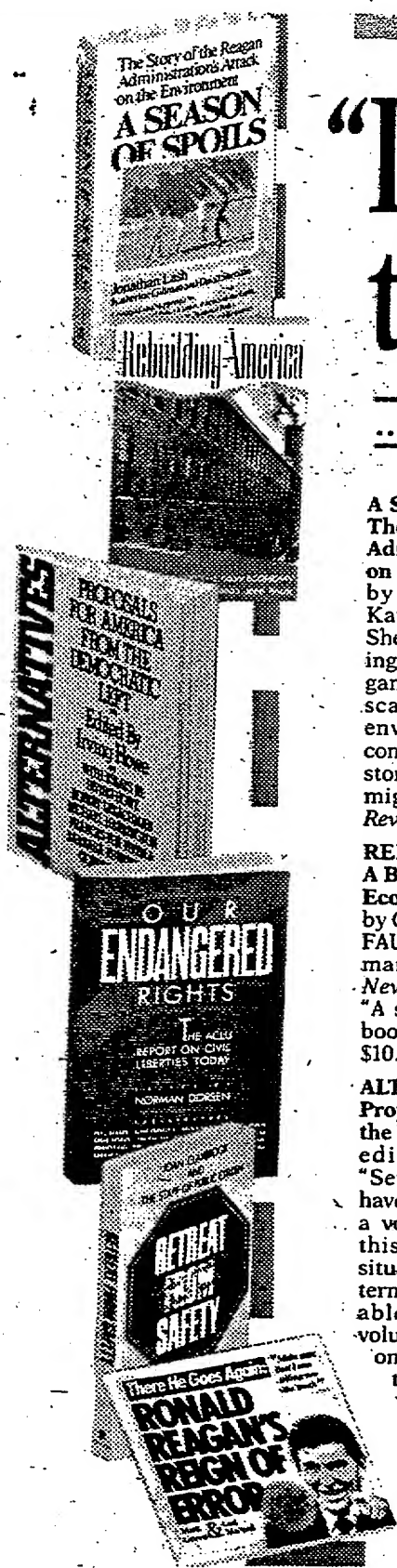
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"I'll have to read this book."

—RONALD REAGAN
on receiving *A Season of Spoils*, A.P., 5/25/84

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May 25, 1984, Friday, PM cycle

SECTION: Washington Dateline

LENGTH: 445 words

HEADLINE: Environmentalist Gives Reagan Book Denouncing His Policies

BYLINE: By GUY DARST, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

KEYWORD: Reagan-Environment

BODY:

President Reagan has promised to read a book denouncing the environmental policies of his first 2 1/2 years in the White House, following his first meeting with the leader of any major environmental organization.

Jay D. Hair, executive director of the National Wildlife Federation, met with Reagan for 35 minutes Thursday in a session arranged by Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William D. Ruckelshaus.

Reagan was concerned about "continuing problems" in winning support among environmentalists, Hair quoted Ruckelshaus as saying.

Hair gave Reagan a copy of "A Season of Spoils: The Story of the Reagan Administration's Attack on the Environment," by Jonathan Lash, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Katherine Gillman and David Sheridan.

"I'll have to read this book," Hair quoted the president as saying.

The book describes the actions of officials "with no respect for the public interest or their responsibility to enforce the law," Hair said.

Hair did not win another promise he sought, for the president to give a major speech on his own environmental views.

Hair said he told Reagan that one reason the polls show public distrust of him on environmental questions was, "You haven't talked to anybody in public about your views on the environment. He said, 'I'll admit I haven't spoken out on that as often as I should have.'"

The federation has long been the largest and most conservative of the "Group of Ten," the major environmental lobbies in Washington. Many of its 4.1 million members and supporters are fishermen and hunters.

In 1980, the federation says, its members voted 2-1 for Reagan.

The Associated Press, May 25, 1984

Yet in 1983, 61 percent of the members rated the president's performance on environmental matters as poor.

Hair said he recounted to the president one story in the book, of Bob Burnett, a New Mexico federation member who discovered oil drilling in a wilderness area by rig without a permit, and how Burnett said later his vote for Reagan was "the biggest mistake I ever made in my life."

The president, according to Hair, commented, "I just don't understand why things like that happen."

Lash's book chronicles the story of James Watt, the former secretary of the interior who favored development of energy resources, and of Anne Burford, the former EPA administrator determined to reduce government regulation.

Hair said he met Watt twice and never met Mrs. Burford, but now, along with other environmentalists, enjoys frequent access to Ruckelshaus and Watt's successor, William Clark.

Clark, Ruckelshaus and Craig Fuller, secretary of the cabinet council on the environment, also attended the meeting.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL E. DINKINS
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Allegations of Corruption in Virgin Islands

The attached correspondence to the President, containing allegations of corruption in the Virgin Islands, is referred for whatever action you consider appropriate. I have also enclosed a copy of my reply.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

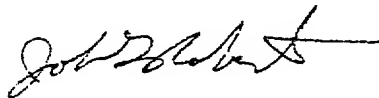
July 2, 1984

Dear Ms. Rouss:

This is written in response to your telegram of June 25, 1984 to the President. That telegram contained various allegations of corruption in the Virgin Islands. We have referred your telegram to the Department of Justice for review and whatever action that Department considers appropriate.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Ruby M. Rouss
Post Office Box 865, Christiansted
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00820

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THE THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1979, VIRGIN ISLANDS SENATOR
SIDNEY LEE'S OFFICE RECORDS SEIZED BY FBI AFTER "EXHAUSTIVE
INVESTIGATION INTO PUBLIC CORRUPTION" ACCORDING TO JOHN
HANCHETTE, AGENT IN CHARGE OF VIRGIN ISLANDS. RESULT: CASE
QUASHED. LEE WAS MEMBER OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CLUB

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 1984, SENATOR LEE ARRESTED, CHARGED
WITH FRAUDULENT CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, FORGERY AND
PERJURY AND PLACED UNDER DOLLARS10,000 BAIL. TRIAL BEGUN,
HALTED, NEVER RESUMED. LEE IS MEMBER OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S
CLUB.

WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 1984, VIRGIN ISLANDS ATTORNEY
GENERAL RULED SENATOR LEE IN VIOLATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
LAW RELATIVE TO LAND DEAL BETWEEN GOVERNOR JUAN LUIS AND LEE.

FRIDAY, 30 MARCH 1984, V.I. ATTORNEY GENERAL REQUESTED
HELP FROM DEPARTMENTS OF INTERIOR AND JUSTICE. TO DATE, NO

ASSISTANCE FORTHCOMING ALTHOUGH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
INTERIOR RICHARD MONTONA VERY WELL AWARE OF FOOTDRAGGING IN THIS
MATTER.

FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 1974, GOVERNOR LUIS STATED HE SAW "NO
CONFLICT OF INTEREST BUT ONLY AN APPEARANCE OF A CONFLICT",
THEREFORE HE WILL PROCEED WITH LEE LAND DEAL.

MONDAY, 21 MAY 1974, V.I. ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED
PROSEC BY FEDERAL PROSECUTOR DELAYED DUE TO "LEGAL QUANDARY"
ON PART OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 1974, BY ORDER OF GOVERNOR JUAN LUIS

NEGOTIATIONS REOPENED ON SENATOR LEE'S LAND DEAL. DISCUSSIONS
RE COLLUSION BETWEEN FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND SENATOR LEE WIDE-
SPREAD THROUGHOUT TERRITORY.

REOPENED NUMEROUS REPORTS BY U.S. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
WASTE, MISMANAGEMENT, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION THROUGHOUT V.I.
GOVERNMENT. NO CORRECTIVE ACTION BEING TAKEN. V.I. GOVERNMENT

TRUCK GOING DOWNHILL WITH BRAKES OFF.

RESPECTFULLY REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CORRECT LACK OF
JUSTICE AND APPARENT COVERUP LEE LAND DEAL WHICH WILL COST V.I.
TAXPAYERS 4.5 MILLION DOLLARS OF RUM REVENUES AUTHORIZED BY

U.S. CONGRESS.

RUBY W. ROUSE

FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT

PO BOX 105, CHRISTIANSTED


ST. JOHN, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS 00820

TELEPHONE: 773-1916

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
SUBJECT: U.S. Delegation to Guatemalan
Elections/John Carbaugh

After discussing this matter with Mr. Hauser, I advised Kimmitt and Tad Tharp that Counsel's Office had no legal objection to Mr. Carbaugh observing the Guatemalan elections, so long as he refrained from any business dealings during his visit to observe the elections. Mr. Hauser and I concluded that merely observing the electoral process in no way presented a conflict with Mr. Carbaugh's business dealings.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN S. HERRINGTON

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT ^{Bob}

SUBJECT: US Delegation to Guatemalan Elections

John Carbaugh has requested that he be a member of the US Presidential Mission which will observe Guatemala's July 1 Constituent Assembly elections. Mr. McFarlane is supportive of his desire to go. However, because John has business dealings with the Guatemalans, NSC would like to make this endorsement subject to Fred Fieldings's verification that there is no legal problem.

cc: Fred F. Fielding

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White House Guidelines, August 23, 1997
By LOS NARA, Date 8/5/05